NOTICE OF A COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED MACY GROVE ROAD (STATE ROAD 2601) IMPROVEMENTS FROM INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE (S.R. 4319) TO N.C. 150 (NORTH MAIN STREET)

TIP Project Nos. U-2800 & U-4734

Forsyth and Guilford Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a prehearing open house and combined public hearing on Monday, November 29, at Kernersville Elementary School, located at 512 W. Mountain Street, Kernersville.

NCDOT representatives will be available at the pre-hearing open house in the school cafeteria between 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above hours.

A formal presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. The presentation will consist of an explanation of the proposed location, design, the state-federal relationship, and right-of-way and relocation requirements and procedures. Citizens will have the opportunity to comment or ask questions. The presentation and comments will be recorded and a transcript will be prepared.

Under State Transportation Improvement Program project No. U-2800, NCDOT proposes to widen Macy Grove Road to multi-lanes, extending the roadway on a new location from Old Greensboro Road (S.R. 2042) to north of Old U.S. 421/East Mountain Street (S.R. 1005), and converting a grade separation at I-40 Business/U.S. 421 to an interchange. Grade separations are also proposed on a new location crossing the Norfolk Southern Railroad and Old U.S. 421/East Mountain Street. The term grade separation means using a bridge to separate intersecting roads and/or railroads.

Under TIP Project No. U-4734, NCDOT proposes to extend Macy Grove Road on new location from north of Old U.S. 421/East Mountain Street to N.C. 150 (North Main Street).

The primary purpose of the project is to provide a roadway link between I-40 Business/U.S. 421 and N.C. 150 north of Kernersville. In addition, other potential benefits include reducing congestion in downtown Kernersville and at the existing N.C. 66/N.C. 150 interchange with I-40 Business/U.S. 421, as well as provide a segment of the future Kernersville Loop Road.

Maps displaying the location and design of the project and a copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) are available for public review at the NCDOT District Engineer's Office located at 375 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem; Winston-Salem City Hall South – Suite 307 located at 100 East First Street, and the Kernersville Planning Department, 134 E. Mountain Street. The EA and maps are also available online at: http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/macygroverd/

Copies of the document are also available for review at the following libraries:

- Kernersville Branch Library, 130 E. Mountain St, Kernersville
- Forsyth County Central Library, 660 W. Fifth St., Winston-Salem
- Greensboro Public Library, 219 N. Church Street, Greensboro

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Jamille Robbins, NCDOT-Human Environment Unit at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by phone at (919) 431-6500, or via e-mail at jarobbins@ncdot.gov. Additional material may be submitted until December 30.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Robbins as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.